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| Name of Collaborationist Organization | Name of Leader | Size of Membership |
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| **Pro-Nazi Parties** | | |
| PPF-Parti Populaire Français (sometimes known in Vichy Zone as MPF-Mouvement Populaire Français) | Jacques Doriot | no figures |
| RNP-Rassemblement National Populaire | Marcel Déat | no figures |
| Francistes (or Francisme) | Marcel Bucard | no figures |
| Action Française | Charles Maurras | no figures |
| Mouvement Monarchiste | Count of Paris | no figures |
| MSR-Mouvement Social Révolutionnaire | formerly Eugène Deloncle -- he has resigned and party is largely broken up. If there is a leader, he is Jean Fontenoy | no figures |
| Ligue Française | Pierre Costantini | 8,000 attended a national congress in November 1942 |
| PSF-Progrès Social Français (formerly Parti-Social Français) | was François de la Roque, lately arrested | no figures |
| National Collectivisme | Pierre Clementi | no figures |
| Legion of Veterans & Volunteers of the National Revolution | President, Pétain, Director, Ray | no figures |

(All the above have subsidiaries in the form of para-military formations, youth groups, etc. These are listed under the appropriate headings below.)

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| **Para-Military Formations and Guards** | | |
| Service d'Ordre (PPF) | Doriot | several thousand in Occupied Zone; also active in Unoccupied Zone |
| Légion Nationale Populaire (RNP) | Paul Montagnon | no figures |
| Corps Francs (Francisme) | Commandant Ramelot | no figures |
| Militia of Front Révolutionnaire National (active in Occupied Zone -- meant to combine forces of RNP, Francisme, PPF; never quite achieved this unity) | dominated by Déat | 6,000 |
| French Militia (formerly SOL, a Legion organization; now under Laval) | Joseph Darnand | 6-10,000 |
| Francs Gardes -- shock troops of Militia | | no figures |
| Militia of Ligue Française | | no figures |
| Garde Française (National Collectivisme) | | no figures |
| Camelots du Roi (Action Française) | | no figures |
| French SS Division and First Regiment of France are one and the same body | General LeBlanc | 2-3,000 |
| **Party Formations** (associations without full character of party) | | |
| Groupes "Collaboration" -- engaged in propaganda for Franco-German rapprochement | | no figures |
| Equipes Volontaires de Propagande (PSF) | Joseph Levet | no figures |
| Cercles Populaires Français (PPF) propaganda | | no figures |

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| Amis de l'Emancipation Nationale (PPF) | | no figures |
| Amis du Cri du Peuple (PPF) | | no figures |
| Groupe Musulman Nord-African (PPF) | | |
| Amis de l'Action Française -- militants | | |
| Fédération Catholique -- monarchist | General de Castelnau | no figures |
| **Women's Groups** | | |
| Femmes Françaises (National Collectivisme) | | no figures |
| Dames Royalistes (Action Française) | | no figures |
| Volontaires Sociales (Jeunesse de France et d'Outre Mer, q.v.) | | no figures |
| **Youth groups** | | |
| Jeunesses Nationales Populaires (RNP) | Secretary-General -- Roland Silly | no figures |
| Jeunesses Populaires Françaises (PPF) | | 10,000 (claimed) |
| Les Jeunes du Maréchal (reported dissolved) | | no figures |
| Jeune Légion | P. Chevalier | no figures |
| Jeunesses Francistes & Jeunesses Francistes Féminines (Francisme) | | no figures |
| Cadets Francistes (Francisme) | Poimiroo | no figures |
| Jeunes Filles Royalistes (Action Française) | | no figures |
| Société de Préparation et d'Education Sportive (PSF) | G. A. Maire | no figures |

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| Ligue des Jeunes de France et l'Empire (Ligue Française) | | no figures |
| Jeunesse Ouvrière Française | | no figures |
| Jeunes Equipes de France | | no figures |
| Jeunes Ailes Françaises | | no figures |
| Jeune Front (National Collectivisme) | | no figures |
| Jeunes de l'Europe Nouvelle (Groupes "Collaboration") | | no figures |
| Chantiers de la Jeunesse (compulsory -- lately dissolved) | Général de la Porte du Theil | all men 18-22 |
| Chantiers de Jeunesse de la Marine<br>Jeunesse et Montagne | Secretary of State for Navy<br>Voluntary alternatives | no figures |
| Anciens des Chantiers (alumni groups) | Général de la Porte du Theil | no figures |
| Compagnons de France | Guillaume de Tournemire | 50,000 (April 1942) |
| Ecoles des Cadres | Danoyer de Segonzac | no figures |
| Jeunesse de France et d'Outre Mer (since absorbed by Jeunesse Franciste) | Captain Renault | no figures |
| Scouts: Scouts de France, Guides de France (Catholic); Fédération des Eclaireurs Unionistes (Protestant); Eclaireurs & Eclaireuses de France (non-denominational); Fédération des Eclaireurs Israelites. | Général Lafont | no figures |
| Younger Catholic groups: Ames Vaillantes (girls), Coeurs Vaillants (boys) | | no figures |

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| Catholic youth groups | | |
| Association Catholique de la Jeunesse Française | R. P. Lambert, S.J. | no figures |
| Jeunesse Ouvrière Chrétienne | Georges Maitret | 300,000 |
| Jeunesse Ouvrière Chrétienne Féminine | Berthe Hyvernat | no figures |
| Jeunesse Agricole Chrétienne | R. P. Rouannet | no figures |
| Jeunesse Agricole Chrétienne Féminine | | no figures |
| Jeunesse Etudiante Chrétienne | | no figures |
| Jeunesse Etudiante Chrétienne Féminine | | no figures |
| Jeunesse Indépendante Chrétienne | | no figures |
| Jeunesse Indépendante Chrétienne Féminine | | no figures |
| Jeunesse Maritime Chrétienne | | no figures |
| Catholic students' federations | | no figures |
| Fédération Française des Etudiants Catholiques | André Julien | 16,000 |
| Fédération Française d'Associations d'Etudiantes Catholiques | | 12,000 |
| Welfare Groups | | |
| Services Médicaux et Sociaux (Legion) | | no figures |

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| **Welfare Groups** -- cont'd | | |
| Entr'aide des Familles Françaises (MSR) | | no figures |
| Artisans de Devoir Patriotique (PSF) | | no figures |
| **Labor Formations** | | |
| Groupes Légionnaires d'Entreprises | | no figures |
| Comités de défense de travailleurs (MSR) | | no figures |
| Front des Travailleurs (Ligue Française) | | no figures |
| Propagande Ouvrière et Commerciale (PSF) | | no figures |
| Au Travail | René Bélin | no figures |
| Centre Syndicaliste de Propagande (loosely attached to RNP) | Charles Dhooghe | no figures |
| Front Social du Travail (RNP) | Déat | no figures |
| Groupements Corporatifs (PPF) | Doriot | no figures |
| Bloc Ouvrier et Paysan (loosely attached to RNP) | Marcel Gitton | no figures |
| Comité d'Information Ouvrière et Sociale | Gabriel Lafaye | no figures |
| **Labor Services** | | |
| Organisation Todt | Parts of German mechanism of exploitation | no figures |
| NSKK Motorgruppe Luftwaffe | | no figures |
| French Labor Front in Germany | | no figures |